

CHAPTER 1  
SECTION 26.3

## HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE

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### II. DESCRIPTION

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO) is a mode of medical treatment in which the patient is entirely enclosed in a pressure chamber breathing oxygen at a pressure greater than one atmosphere.

### III. POLICY

HBO is covered when provided by an approved institutional provider, such as a hospital or specialized treatment facility.

NOTE: The Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Committee is the one national body that regularly reviews all applications of HBO therapy and the applications are supported by current reliable scientific evidence.

### IV. EXCLUSION

Topical application of oxygen.

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